

The regular Workshop meeting was held on January 30, at 8:00 AM. It was called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers

Supervisors, George Henry, James Callahan, Kenneth Wertz were present. Township Manager Henry T. Fownes, Sec-Treasurer Beverly Henderson, Solicitor Jeffrey Muriceak, Engineer Thomas Levine, and Assistant Sec. Robbin Grove, Road Foreman Douglas Miller and Sewer Inspector Dennis Walls were present.

Announcement: There was an executive session held on January 22, 2024, for personnel matters.

- Attorney John Urban Coventry Court Ditch. Township Manager Fownes indicated that the Township has no issue with Mr. Urban closing in the ditch if it is at his cost. Atty. Urban would have to draft an agreement stating that he would close it in at his cost and continue the maintenance on the ditch. Prior to back filling in the ditch, it needs to be inspected by our Road Foreman.

- A motion was made by James Callahan and second by Kenneth Wertz to add Henry T. Fownes as an authorized signer on the 1st Summit Bank accounts. The motion passed unanimously.

- A motion was made by Kenneth Wertz and seconded by James Callahan to update the Frankstown Township Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual as of January 1, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

- A motion was made by James Callahan and seconded by Kenneth Wertz to approve the Job Descriptions for Road Crew Foreman, Assistant Road Crew Foreman, Operator, and General Laborer. The motion passed unanimously.

- A motion was made by Kenneth Wertz and seconded by James Callahan to adopt Resolution #02040130 known as the Pennsylvania Safe Digger Month. The motion passed unanimously.

- Subdivision Land Development

- ④ Canoe Creek State Park – no report

- ④ Capital Telecom – no report

- ④ A motion was made by James Callahan and second by Kenneth Wertz to approve the Frederick Brenner subdivision off Brush Mountain Rd. The motion passed unanimously.

- ④ A motion was made by Kenneth Wertz and seconded by James Callahan to approve the John P & Jennifer Stultz side lot addition located off Davids Dr. The motion passed unanimously.

- ④ Vern Litzinger – revised plan received, reviewed and comment letter provided

- ④ DeGol and Gurman Side Lot Addition – a motion was made by James Callahan and seconded by Kenneth Wertz to accept the open-ended time extension. The motion passed unanimously. Solicitor Muriceak advised the Board that Ms. DeGol secured counsel.

- ④ Solar Farm/Jeff Yeager – No report

- ④ D. Holding, Inc. – No report

- ④ Dreams Go On - No report

® Madey – there was 2003 planning done however Keller to do some catch up planning.

® Winsome Properties – there was a sewer connection question that Stiffler McGraw is handling this is just an FYI that a subdivision is on the way.

- Stormwater Complaints from Residents

Attorney Urban Ditch request and Sr 36 drainage plans which appear to be sometime in 2025.

- DEP General Permit No. 11 – Hollidaysburg Sportsman and Frankstown Sportsman Culvert permit was filed. Township Manager Fownes requested a timeline for this process. According to Engineer Levine the Environmental Manager retired at the end of 2023 so what normally took 6 to 8 months for a comment letter and additional 2 to 3 months for approval will now take longer.

- Sylvan Heights Dr. Sewer Extension

® Phase 1 we are still waiting for an easement from the Wards. There was a meeting set up with the Ward Family which had some comments, and we are sure that the Attorneys will work out. Township Manager Fownes question Engineer Levine about the Right of Way which is 65 feet if that would be a better way to go. Engineer Levine stated that the only way Penn Dot would grant an HOP is that this would be the last resort.

® Phase 2 a) Sewage plan submission to DEP is done however there will be some other components that need to be done in conjunction with this submission, advertising, and have the submission for public review and input.

b) Rights a way need to be obtained.

c) NPDES permit for discharge of runoff during construction.

- Frankstown Memorial Park

There were some items on the agenda concerning Phase 1 that at this time a motion was made by James Callahan and second by Kenneth Wertz to table until there is further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

It was reported that the sidewalk was going to be nixed and a quote was received for solar lights. Sherry Socie was present on behalf of the park grant and stated that what DCNR has for our in-kind work is that the road crew will construct the Rain Garden, there was no other change orders made. The Township Manager told Engineer Levine that if he continues working on this project that he may have to become a sub for Lehman's.

- MS4 – Good House keeping. Since winter is upon us it is a good idea to implement a good housekeeping plan for the annual report, which would entail the road crew to reduce the pollution and runoff from the garage as well as the fire hall. There should be inspections made which could become part of our Safety Committee inspection as well.

- 1534 Frankstown Rd. Carnell/Conner zoning & permit Ms. Conner was present concerning wanting to extend a driveway to the intersection of Frankstown Rd and Brush Mountain which she was told there is no way that will be permitted. Ms. Conner was also asked if the silt sock was put in place of which she answers no. Township Manager/Zoning officer Fownes told her that this is the most important part. Township Manager/Zoning officer also questioned Ms.

Conner about the easement access to Hickroy Hills to be used as a second driveway since the original driveway in her opinion was a hazard. Engineer Levine stated that she should talk to her neighbors in that area since they use that access as their yard.

- A motion was made by James Callahan and seconded by Kenneth Wertz to authorize the purchase of 3 properties from the Blair County Tax Claim Bureau, with the following parcel numbers.

- Parcel number 08.00-15B.-059.00-000

- Parcel number 08.00-15B.-019.00-000

- Parcel number 08.00-15B.-034.00-000

There was a 4th property, however we are waiting for the County to evict the folks and clean up the property. The motion passed unanimously.

Township Manager Fownes stated that with the recent snow events he has only gotten praise for the great job the road crew has done. There were a few mailboxes that needed some attention and had to have an in-person meeting with a gentleman on Linden Street.

Secretary/treasurer Beverly Henderson informed the Board that we will no longer have P. Joesph Lehman for our bridge inspectors. Penn Dot has contracted with NTM Engineering for Bedford and Blair County for the next 6 years,

Road Foreman Doug Miller brakes and drum were installed on truck 6, also skid stir tracks were purchased.

Sewer Inspector Dennis Walls reported that Beverly and I are preparing for an audit with the safety committee. In the new Rolling Hills, a contract ran over a pipe and broke it, the pipe filled up with stones and with the help from Blair Twp. they were able to vacuum out most of the stone. The contractor then called a plumber to finish cleaning out the rest of the stone. With regards to the Sylvan Height Sewer Dennis doesn't want to do that in house for a number of reasons 1) it will be constructed the same time as Rolling Hills replacement, 2) the guys in his opinion are not qualified and 3) there will be way too much traffic control needed.

Solicitor Jeffrey Muriceak all the easements are signed and recorded the declaration of taken their 30 days was given. It is now ready for Stiffler McGraw to move forward with the sewer replacement.

Chairman George Henry questioned about the Moudy dump site. According to Engineer Levine it was an approved dump site, there is a very small side that is over the approved site. It is thought to be that there are wood and wood chips on site. Supervisor Henry wanted to make a motion to put Henry Fownes on the ISC Board but since it wasn't on the agenda this will have to be tabled until February 6, 2024, at the regular Township meeting.

Vice Chairman James Callahan stated that with the past two storms all he heard was what a good job the road crew did on the plowing.

Supervisor Kenny Wertz has a question about the party barn and the noise after 10:00 which to our understand is the time to reduce the music. Township Manager Fownes is to investigate the agreement.

Mike Koch was present and questioned if he would ever see the sewer line extended to his home off Monahan Lane in his lifetime. Engineer Levine stated that there is nothing on the books yet and questioned if there is an issue at his house of which Mr. Koch stated there is no issue.

With no other business brought before the board of supervisors a motion was made James Callahan and seconded by Kenneth Wertz to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 AM. The motion passed unanimously.